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For: TRAFFIC MONITORING)
EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM)
AND METHOD FOR DATAGRAM)
TRANSFER)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 21, delete "one of claims 19 or 20" and insert -- Claim 19 --.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIM:

27. A datagram transfer system according to Claim 20, wherein said buffer enqueue control section includes a preference value storage function for storing time data related to events of either arrival of datagrams within a pre-determined time interval, transfer or

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